

Case Study: Federation House

Federation House is home to “The Federation” part of Co-op Digital. It is a community of digital businesses and innovators in Manchester, built on ethical values.



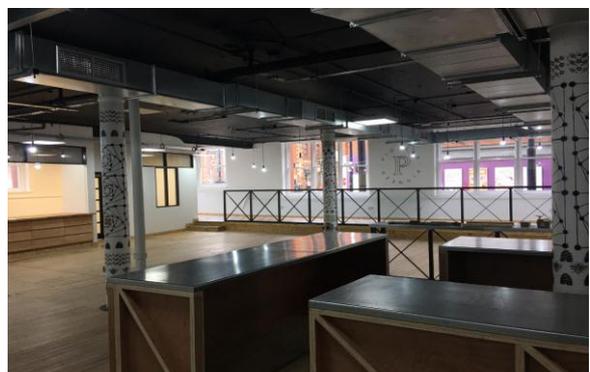
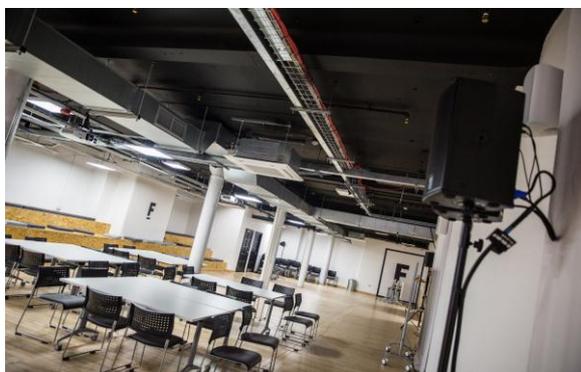
The Challenge

Federation House was originally built by the Co-operative Wholesale Society in the late 1800's. Situated between Federation Street and Dantzic Street in Manchester, the building was redeveloped by the Co-operative Group in partnership with NOMA and last October welcomed Co-op Digital to the top two floors of the building.

The eight-storey building (including two basements) covers 71,300 sq ft and was previously used as a warehouse, showrooms, offices and training facilities. The Co-op Group wanted to open up the rest of the six floors to the wider digital ecosystem in Manchester who share the same values of social responsibility, openness, honesty and transparency.

The Brief

Co-op Digital had occupied 5th and 6th Floor for their own purposes and wanted to create a co-working collaborative space through the vacant floors of the building. Sheila Bird Group were selected to design all floors and us to construct the project.





Our Solution

Workspace worked closely with Atul Bansal of Sheila Bird Group to develop a scheme using the existing exposed soffits and visible floor beams; this generated open plan offices and small meeting room pods. The ground floor homed a new café and events space which is now extremely popular and event space on the lower ground floor. The Federation is one of a kind and we made sure they had functioning offices that reflected this.



Testimonial

“From the outset we set out to make Federation a special place not just as a building but in terms of building a community of digital innovators based on the ethical values of the Co-op Group. As natural collaborators ourselves we wanted to work with people like us and so Workspace Design & Build were our perfect partner for The Federation.”

Victoria Howlett, Co-op, The Federation Manager

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